

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Alun L. Palmer on April 7, 2008.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

-- 1. An optical module, comprising:

a substrate;

an optical element that is fixedly secured to said substrate; and

an optical transmission member that is coupled to said optical element and fixedly secured on said substrate,

wherein said substrate is made of a substrate having a through hole between a secured portion of said optical element and a secured portion of said optical transmission member, and said through hole is set to have a distance W in a direction in which the secured portion of said optical element is connected to the secured portion of said optical transmission member, ~~which is wider than a width that allows~~ so as to allow parallel light rays having a plane shape, emitted from a laser micrometer, to pass through, and a length L in a direction perpendicular to said ~~distance W is smaller than~~ distance W is smaller than a width of said parallel light rays. --

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***Conclusion***

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